

Welcome to the home page of the website <http://en.vedur.is/>.

What is Vedur.is?

Vedur.is is the weather website for Iceland, it is highly detailed and it is very important that you check this website everyday before you drive.

This is very important for your trip, as its not just you who plans your trip. It is also the weather that plans your trip.

How can the weather effect my trip?

Iceland is an extreme country that is sitting in the middle of the North Atlantic ocean. Strong winds come in from the Atlantic ocean sometimes, depending on how strong these winds are will effect where and when you can drive. The wind can become unsafe for you to drive a vehicle, especially a tall vehicle such as a camper. The wind can become so strong that it can blow your camper over when driving.

How can i avoid this happening to me on my trip around Iceland?

Lets start by learning how to read the Vedur.is website.

**This is the Vedur home page, make sure to select English.
Now lets check the wind.**

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Bolungarvik

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Egilsstaðflugv.

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EUROVOLC – a networking project kick-off meeting

A group of more than 70 Earth and atmospheric scientists from 9 European countries met earlier this month in Keflavik to start their collaboration on the Horizon2020 Infrastructure project EUROVOLC. The group represents 18 partners comprising volcano research and monitoring institutions, civil protection and companies from the IT and geothermal industry.

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Older news

Short articles

Early work and an overview of measurements

Evaluation of the history of climate in Iceland since the settlement has been ongoing for more than two hundred years. Hannes Finnsson, the bishop of Skálholt wrote the first scientific treatise on the subject in 1796 (Finnsson, 1796).

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Other articles

New publications and research

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Below is the next page that shows the wind map of Iceland, here the wind can be tracked 2 and a half days in advance.

So because we can see what is happening in the future, we can plan our journeys according to the wind.

In the photo below it shows a very nice day in Iceland regarding wind, see the photo below to understand safe driving conditions.

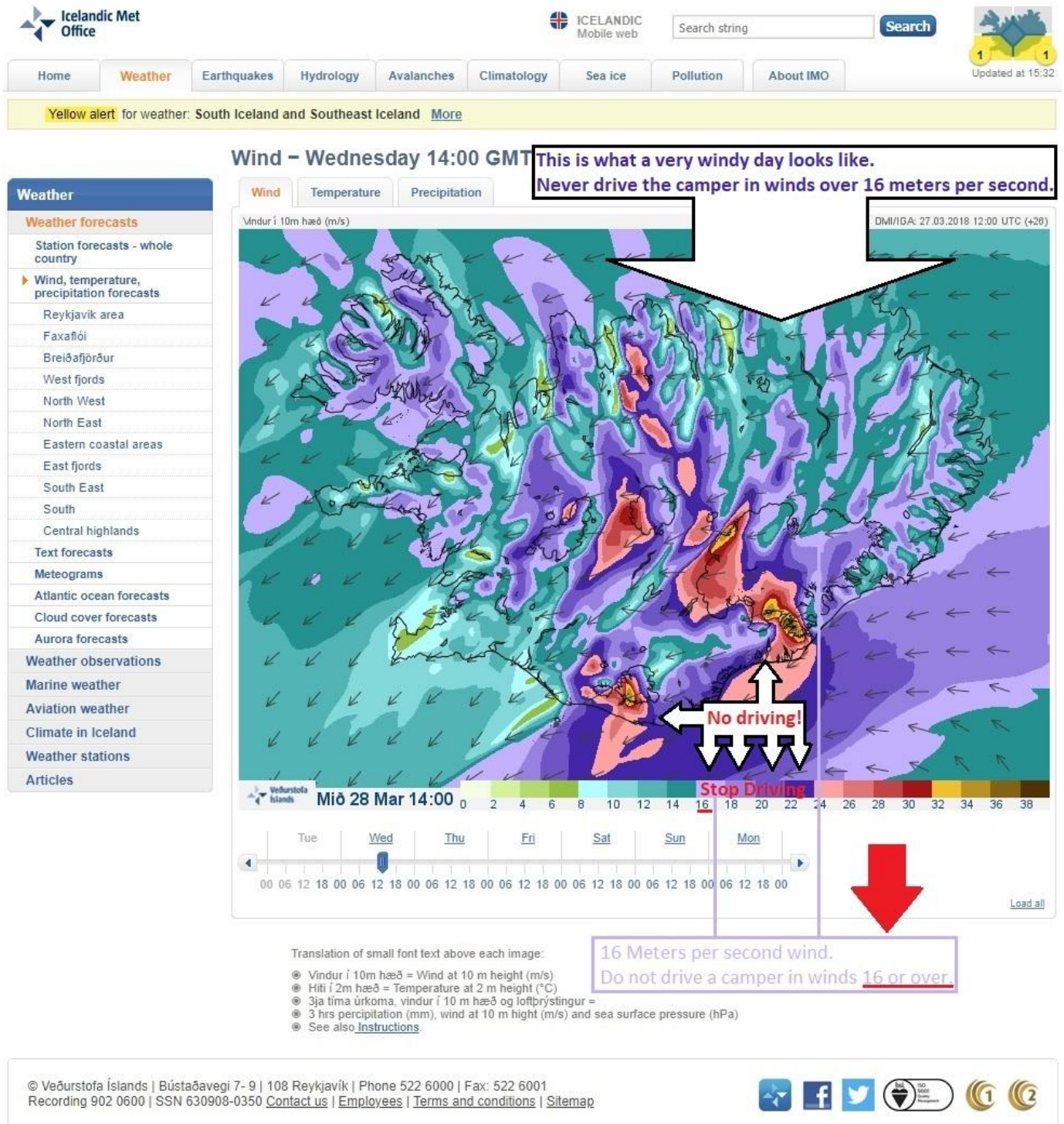
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So now that we know what a good driving day looks like, let's now see what a very bad day for driving looks like.

The photo below shows a day in Iceland where a storm is passing through Iceland from the Atlantic ocean.



This is why you need to check the weather and plan your trip according to the weather. For example, if you were in the south of Iceland during this time you should never attempt to drive in this weather.

Driving in the south of Iceland in conditions like this is dangerous and irresponsible of any driver.

Below is a story from Iceland Magazine about travelers who drove irresponsibly.

WEATHER

Four foreign travelers unharmed when RV was blown off road in Öræfi region, SE Iceland

BY STAFF | MAR 28 2018



RADS CLOSED The Ring Road in SE Iceland has been closed to all traffic due to dangerous winds. Photo/IRCA

Four foreign travelers were unhurt when their RV was blown off the Ring Road, east of Skaftafell in South East Iceland early morning. The Icelandic Road and Coastal Authority has closed the Ring Road in the area due to dangerously powerful winds and sand storm.

Accident shows why it's necessary to close the road

The ICE-SAR company Kári from Öræfi region came to the assistance of the people after an RV they were driving was blown onto the side by a violent wind. A spokesman for ICE-SAR told [the local newspaper Morgunblaðið](#) that the accident took place around five in the morning. None of the four people who were in the vehicle were hurt. The people were taken to a nearby hotel where they spent the rest of the morning.

Read more: [Ring Road in SE Iceland closed: Dangerous winds, sandstorm east of Kirkjubæjarklaustur village](#)

Early morning the Ring Road between mt Lómagnúpur, east of Kirkjubæjarklaustur village, and Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon has been closed to all traffic. Blowing sand and powerful winds pose a danger to travelers in the area. Localized winds have reached hurricane force, exceeding 40 m/s (90 mph). The IRCA has said that the road will likely remain closed until late afternoon.

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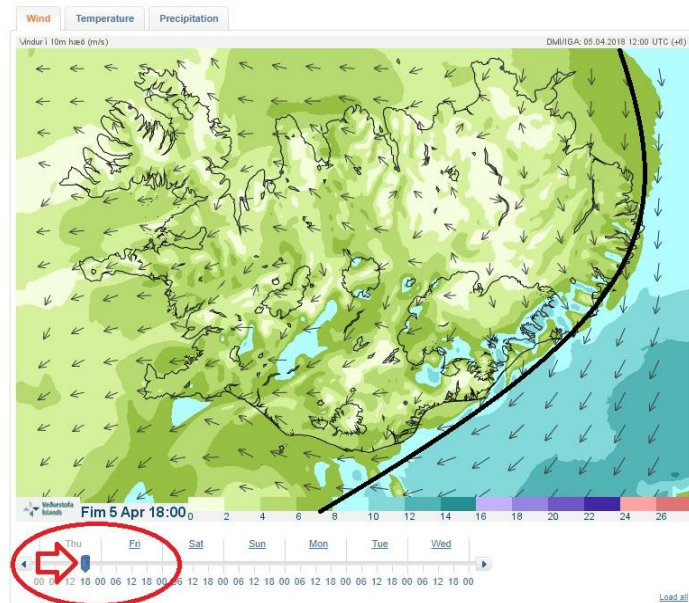


So what should i do in this situation?

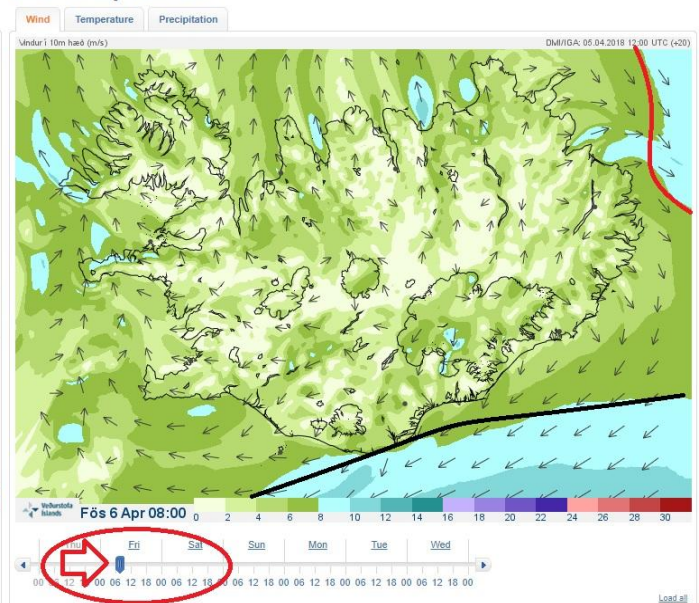
There are many ways to handle this situation, but lets start with the best way possible by "Avoiding the wind a day in advance".

The photo below shows the scroll option on the website <http://en.vedur.is/>.

Wind - Thursday 18:00 GMT



Wind - Friday 08:00 GMT

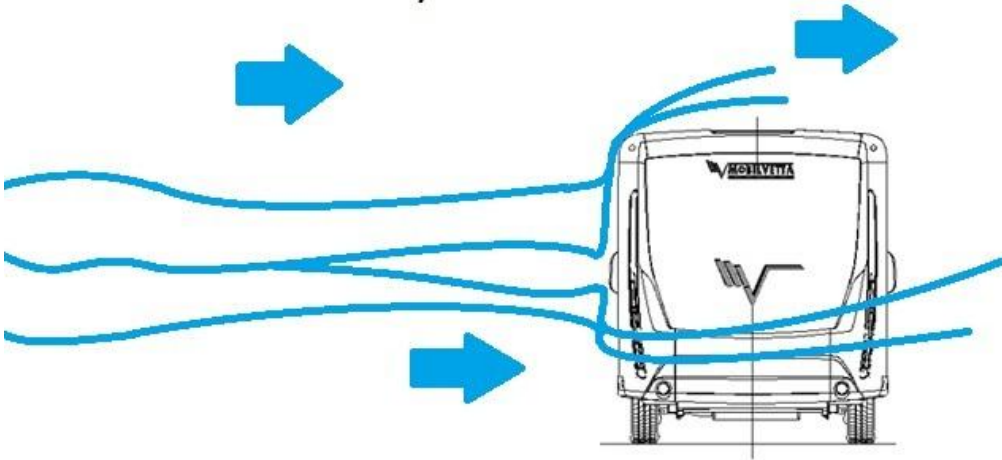


See as we scroll from Thursday to Friday, you can see how the wind moves over this time. So this makes it possible to see if there is a storm coming two days in advance, this is enough time to plan where you want to situate yourself. So the best way to handle the being in a storm is to avoid it in advance.

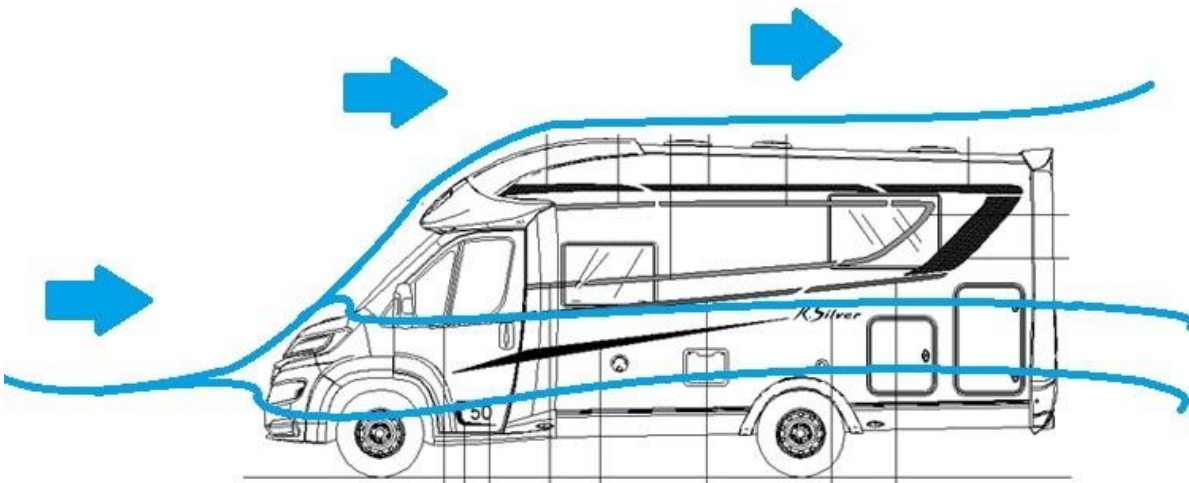
But what if the wind is unavoidable? What can i do when i find myself in a windy situation?

**In this diagram the vehicle is parked and stationary.
The purpose of this diagram is to show you how to handle a wind storm correctly.**

The Blue Arrows point the direction that the wind is going.
The Blue Lines show the aerodynamic effects on the vehicle.



**In a wind storm park the camper facing into the wind.
Keep in mind that the wind may change direction and you might have to adjust the direction you are facing.**



This is the correct way to park the camper in a wind storm.

**Aim for a town and take cover behind the buildings if the wind is very strong, let the building take the force of the wind.
This is the best thing you can do when you are stuck in a windy situation.**

